

Assiniboine
Blackfeet
Chippewa
Cree
Crow
Gros Ventre
Kootenai
Little Shell Tribe
of Chippewa
Northern Cheyenne
Pend d'Oreilles
Salish
Sioux

Montana
Indian
Business
Conference
2006

This Year's Focus . . .

Private business development and entrepreneurship often take a "back seat" in tribal economic development strategic planning and implementation. However, private businesses form the backbone of vibrant and robust free enterprise economies world wide.

The Montana Indian Business Conference 2006 offers an important forum to hear from prominent national experts as well as Montana tribal leaders and business owners about strengthening tribal sovereignty and tribal economies by developing the commercial laws, court systems and policies needed to stimulate and sustain private business development and entrepreneurship on our reservations. Lenders will learn about commercial lending and partnership opportunities needed to support small business development in Indian Country, and an important new coalition will be launched that is designed to motivate and support Indian small business owners and entrepreneurs within their communities.

Who Should Attend

A "must" for tribal leaders and policy makers; economic, business development and other tribal government staff; tribal judges and legal counsel; tribal college staff; financial institutions and other lenders; community development groups; federal, state and local agencies; Indian business owners and entrepreneurs.

14 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits have been applied for from the Montana Commission on Continuing Legal Education.

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U.S. Small Business Administration, Montana District Office

Further Information

For additional information regarding the Montana Indian Business Conference 2006, please contact Susan Woodrow at 406-447-3806 or e-mail at susan.woodrow@mpls.frb.org, or contact Susan Webber at 406-338-3707 or e-mail at nitzitap@3rivers.net.

Hotel Information:

Heritage Inn
1700 Fox Farm Road
Great Falls, MT 59404
Telephone: 1-800-548-8256

Ask for the
Montana Indian Business Conference room block.

Room Rate:
\$75.00 plus tax for conference rate,
\$60.00 plus tax for government rate.

Room reservation deadline for conference rate: **January 18, 2006.**

After January 18, reservations will be accepted as available.

Agenda

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

- 7:30 a.m.** **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30** ***Grand Entry and Color Guard***
Opening Prayer and Welcome
Fred Matt, Chairman, Salish & Kootenai Confederated Tribes
& Chairman, Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council
James Parker Shield, Vice Chairman, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa
Mike McGrath, Montana Attorney General
- 9:30** ***Setting the Stage—Indian Business from an Historical Perspective***
Darrell Robes Kipp, Blackfeet Storyteller and Historian,
Executive Director of Piegan Institute
- 10:00** **Break**
- 10:15** ***Economic Sovereignty—Freedom Costs***
Mike Roberts, President
First Nations Development Institute
- 11:15** ***What Helps and What Hinders***
Private Indian Business Owner Panel
Moderator: *Velma Pretty on Top*, Executive Director
Native American Development Corporation
- 12:15 p.m.** **Lunch**

Keynote: ***Strengthening the Capacity of Tribes to Support Private
Business Growth: Financial Education and CDFIs***
Elsie Meeks, Executive Director
First Nations Oweesta Corporation
- 1:45** **Tribal Commercial Law: An Important Foundation for Sustainable
Business Development—*The Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act***

• ***Overview of the NCCUSL Model Tribal Secured
Transactions Act Initiative***
Susan Woodrow, Community Affairs Managing Project Director
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Helena Branch

• ***UCC Filing Systems and State-Tribe Compacts***
Brad Johnson, Montana Secretary of State

• ***Tribal Implementation Experience***
Shawn Realbird, Director
Crow Nation Economic Development
- 2:45** **Break**
- 3:00** **Tribal Commercial Law (continued)**

• ***Tribal Court System Needs to Support Tribal Commercial Law***
Maylinn Smith, Director
University of Montana Indian Law Clinic

• ***Lender's Perspective on Tribal Secured Transactions Laws***
Daniel Lewis, Senior Vice President and Director
Office of Native American Financial Services, Bank of America

• ***Funding Support for Tribal Secured Transactions Act
Implementation*** *Eric Wilson*, Program Analyst
Bureau of Indian Affairs' Division of Economic Development
- 3:45** **Break**
- 4:00** ***Tribal Leadership Promotion of Private Business on
Montana Indian Reservations***
Tribal Chairpersons Panel Discussion
Moderator: *Reno Charette*, Coordinator of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office
- 5:15** **Where We're at . . .**
- 6:00** **Evening Reception**
Governor Brian Schweitzer (invited)
U.S. Congressional Delegation (invited)
Two Medicine Lake Singers and Dancers
No-host bar will be available

Thursday, February 2, 2006

7:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30	Welcome and Opening Prayer <i>Evan Barrett</i> , Chief Business Officer Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity <i>Noel Sansaver</i> , Chairman Montana State-Tribal Economic Development Commission
9:00	Montana State-Tribal Economic Development Commission
9:30	Governor Schweitzer's Tribal Diplomacy and Economic Development Meetings <i>Reno Charette</i> , Coordinator of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office <i>Major Robinson</i> , Economic Development Specialist, Governor's Office
10:00	Break
10:15	Concurrent Sessions
	Track One: <i>The Importance of Tribal Land Use and Zoning Laws</i>
	Track Two: <i>Strengthening Tribal Court Systems: Separation of Powers and Administrative Procedures</i>
	Track Three: <i>Financial Institution Initiatives and Partnerships that Support Business Development in Indian Country</i>
11:15	Break
11:30	Concurrent Sessions
	Track One: <i>Adopting Tribal Business Organization Laws and Business Licensing Regulations</i>
	Track Two: <i>Tribal Government Policies and Support Needs for Private Business Development in Indian Country</i>
	Track Three: <i>Lender Program: Understanding Loan Guarantee Programs for Small Business Development in Indian Country</i>
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
	Keynote: <i>The Private Sector: Is There Room for it in Indian Country, and How Can Tribes Take Advantage of It?</i> <i>Professor Stephen Cornell, Ph.D.</i> Director of Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona, and Co-Director of Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development
2:00	21st Century Economic Warriors: "Join the Circle" <i>Ronnie Joe Henry</i> , Project Coordinator National Tribal Development Association
2:30	Meeting Private Business Mentoring Needs in Indian Country: Building a Statewide Indian Business Support Coalition <i>Susan Webber</i> , Nitzitapi Consulting and the Montana American Indian Business Mentoring Group
3:00	Break
3:15	HUD Resources and Tools to Support Indian Business Development U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
3:45	Summary of Conference and Call to Action

Friday, February 3, 2006

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m	Reconvening of the Tribal Economic Development (TED) Task force Hosted by Native American Development Corporation <i>Lunch provided</i>

Friday, February 3, 2006 (continued)

Agenda

Prayer and Introductions

Overview of HUD Rural Housing and Economic Development Grant

- * Financial Literacy and Housing Focus
- * Montana Indian Business Conference (TED Summit)
- * Statistics and Demographics
- * Native American Lending Consortium
- * Indian Business Support Coalition

TED Strategic Plan Update

Tribal Commercial Code Update

Small Group Discussions

- * Education and Training
- * Governmental Infrastructure
- * Capital Development
- * Partnerships and Joint Ventures

Group Recommendations & Future of TED Strategic Plan

Reconvening Concludes

This meeting is a reconvening of the TED Task force to update and implement the TED Strategic Economic Development Plan. Anyone and everyone with an interest in economic development for American Indian communities is invited to participate.

Registration

Registration Fee: **\$100.00**

Registration Deadline: January 20, 2006

Late registration fee after January 20 is **\$150**.

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